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MILK PRODUCTION

MINNESOTA'S MAY MILK OUTPUT DOWN 2 PERCENT

May 2004 milk production totaled 713 million pounds in Minnesota, down 2 percent from the 727 million pounds produced in May 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. April milk output at 688 million pounds was not revised.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,550 pounds in May 2004, up 20 pounds from last May. The April rate of 1,480 pounds per cow was not revised. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during May 2004 was 460,000 head, down 5,000 from April, and 15,000 below a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 5 months of 2004 was 3.46 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the same period a year ago.

MAY MILK PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during May 2004 totaled 12.99 billion pounds, down less than half of 1 percent from May 2003 in the 20 major states. Revised April production for the 20 states was 12.59 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 20 states averaged 1,684 pounds during May 2004, up 13 pounds from May 2003. Revised April output per cow was 1,630 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 20 major states during May averaged 7.72 million head, down 71,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 20 major states for the first 5 months of 2004 was 62.66 billion pounds, down less than half of 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	May 2003	Apr 2004 Rev.	May 2004	May 2003	Apr 2004 Rev.	May 2004	May 2003	Apr 2004 Rev.	May 2004	2004 as % of 2003
	<u>Thousand Head</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,685	1,716	1,720	1,835	1,790	1,835	3,092	3,072	3,156	102
ID	400	414	415	1,870	1,770	1,840	748	733	764	102
MN	475	465	460	1,530	1,480	1,550	727	688	713	98
NY	677	658	655	1,570	1,500	1,580	1,063	987	1,035	97
PA	580	561	557	1,600	1,550	1,605	928	870	894	96
WI	1,257	1,243	1,243	1,540	1,485	1,545	1,936	1,846	1,920	99
20 States	7,787	7,721	7,716	1,671	1,630	1,684	13,013	12,588	12,994	100